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For: A SAME NET SPACING VIOLATION CHECKER

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits and calculation of the filing fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE TITLE:

Please amend the title to read --SPACING VIOLATION CHECKER--.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, after line 3, insert the following:

-- Cross-Reference To Related Applications

This application is a continuation of U.S. Application Serial Number 09/162,215
filed September 28, 1998. --

On page 1, line 9, before "Older" insert - { A net can be defined as a set of logically
connected shapes (typically terminals on logic gates) which are electrically connected when
modeled physically. --